

United States Patent and Trademark Office

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO. FILING DATE FIRST NAMED INVENTOR ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. CONFIRMATION NO. 10/731,256 12/09/2003 John Gavin MacDonald KCX-859 (19100) 4720 03/08/2006 EXAMINER 22827 DORITY & MANNING, P.A. STITZEL, DAVID PAUL **POST OFFICE BOX 1449** ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER GREENVILLE, SC 29602-1449 1616

DATE MAILED: 03/08/2006 -

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Examiner: David P. Stitzel, Esq.

OFFICIAL ACTION

Restriction/Election

The reply filed on December 7, 2005 is not fully responsive to the Official Action mailed on October 7, 2005 because of the following omission or matter: Applicants were required to elect *a single* (i.e., *only one*) patentably distinct invention from the ten patentably distinct inventions set forth in Groups I-X, respectively. See 37 CFR § 1.111. As set forth in the aforementioned Official Action, "Restriction to *one* of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121." (emphasis added). Since the aforementioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, Applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David P. Stitzel, Esq. whose telephone number is 571-272-8508. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, from 7:30AM-6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreenivasan Padmanabhan can be reached at 571-272-0629. The central fax number for the USPTO is 571-273-8300.

Application/Control Number: 10/731,256

Art Unit: 1616

Page 3 Examiner: David P. Stitzel, Esq.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published patent applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished patent applications is only available through Private PAIR. For more information about the PAIR system, please see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions about acquiring access to the Private PAIR system, please contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

David P. Stitzel, Esq.